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FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA
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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 1030

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR MOPS CG ZA
SUBJ: ALLEGED BOMBING OF ZAMBIAN VILLAGES BY ZAIRE

REF: (A) LUSAKA 0991; (B) LUSAKA 1001; (C) LUSAKA 1022

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT LENGEMA DURING HIS DISCUSSION
WITH KAUNDA ON APRIL 13 (REFTEL A) SAID ZAIRE WOULD
UNDERTAKE AN INQUIRY INTO THE BOMBING INCIDENT AND
ZAIRE WAS WILLING TO PAY ZAMBIA COMPENSATION IF IT HAD BEEN
RESPONSIBLE. FOLLOWING MOBUTU'S STATEMENT THAT ZAIRE COULD
NOT HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCIDENT (REFTEL B) AND IT
WAS PROBABLY THE RUSSIANS, THE ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR WAS ASKED
BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR AN OFFICIAL EXPLANATION OF MOBUTU'S
ATTEMPT TO SHIFT THE BLAME (REFTEL C). HE, IN HIS TURN,
ASKED FOR INSTRUCTIONS FROM KINSHASA AND WAS TOLD BY KINSHASA
TO INFORM THE GRZ THAT LENGEMA'S PROMISE STOOD--INVESTIGATION
FOLLOWED BY REPARATIONS.

2. COMMENT: THE QUICKER THIS INCIDENT CAN BE LAID TO REST
THE BETTER FOR ALL CONCERNED. ZAIRIAN DENIALS OF RESPONSIBILITY,
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ATTEMPT TO SHIFT BLAME TO OTHERS, FOLLOWED
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BY DEMANDS FOR EXPLANATIONS BY ZAMIBIANS IS A GUARANTEED WAY
OF POISONING THE ATMOSPHERE AT A CRITICAL TIME IN ZAIRE.
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